(ख) वर्ष 1989-90 के बजट प्रस्ताव में, जो कल-पुर्जे कम्प्यूटर उपान्त उपस्करों तथा कम्प्यूटर प्रणाली के विनिर्माण के प्रयोग में लाए जाते हैं, उन पर लगने वाले सीमा-शुल्क में 10 प्रतिशत तक वृद्धि की गई है । सीमा-शुल्क में की गई इस वृद्धि से, विनिर्मित प्रणाली की लागत पर सीमान्त प्रभाव पड़ेगा । किन्तु, इस शुल्क में मामूली वृद्धि से देश में वैयक्तिक कम्प्यूटर प्रणालियों की मांग पर प्रभाव नहीं पड़ेगा ।

(ग) सरकार कुछ उपायों के जरिए वैयक्तिक कम्प्यूटर की कीमतों को कम करने की योजना बना रही है जैसे कि वैयक्तिक कम्प्यूटर की विशिष्टयों का मानकीकरण, संघटक पुर्जों, उप प्रणालियों तथा उपान्त उपस्करों विशेषकर चिपों, फ्लॉपी प्रणोदों तथा कैथोड किरण ट्यूब (सी आर टी) मॉनीटरों का मानकीकरण और मानक संघटक पुर्जों तथा उप प्रणालियों की थोक में खरीद ।

Maximum age limit of recruitment in service for women

702. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to raise the maximum age for recruitment for women especially the widows in Government service;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) According to the existing orders, the upper age limit for appointment to Group 'C' and Group 'D' posts under the Central Government has been relaxed upto 35 years of age (upto 40 years for members of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes) in respect of widows, divorced women and women judicially separated from their husbands, who have not remarried. In the National Perspective Plan for Women (1988—2000 A.D.), there is a recommendation to the effect that in the organised sector the maximum age of entry of women in employment should be increased to 35 years.

Meeting of the wagon building units

703. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether is a fact that Planning Commission had convened a meeting of the wagon building units recently; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and what has been the outcome of the meeting?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b) The Planning Commission had convened a meeting with the major wagon manufacturing units on 10th April, 1989. The meeting was family for exchange of ideas in the context of the likely requirements of wagons during the Eighth Plan, both in terms of quantities and technological upgradation. The industry generally expresed its readiness to meet the requirements and also to undertake upgradation of facilities to achieve technological upgradation.

Ban on smoking at public places

704. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is a demand for banning smoking at public places in the country; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?